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Police come clean in claims of 'corruption'

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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THE public has made corruption allegations against more than 60 police officers in the county.

A report produced by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) showed during the last three years that 65 cops in Northamptonshire came under scrutiny.

But in a big boost the IPCC report acknowledges that "corruption is not widespread" across the country.

All 65 cases raised were compiled by the Force which then handed them over to the IPCC with only seven of them deemed serious.

Four were directly dealt with by the IPCC and three were handed back to the police who carried out an internal investigation.

Detective Superintendent Pete Windridge, from the Northamptonshire Police's Professional Standards Department, said: "Northamptonshire Police takes perceived corruption very seriously.

"The trust and confidence of our communities is paramount and this is a key factor in that objective.

"The vast majority of officers and staff display the highest standards of behaviour and integrity and this is represented by the fact the force had cause to refer only seven matters in three years to the IPCC.

"Of the seven that were referred, the IPCC chose to investigate only four, allowing the force to investigate the other three. Any allegations of corruption are thoroughly assessed, subjection of investigation and referred to the IPCC where necessary. Of the allegations made to the force very few are proven to be true.

"As a force we have a number of policies in place that seek to inform and reiterate the expectations on all officers and staff in respect of corruption and therefore ensure where possible the highest standards of behaviour are upheld.

"This report, whilst acknowledging corruption is not widespread, is a useful reminder to officers and staff of the high expectations the public has of the police service."

The IPCC Statutory Guidance defines the types of 'serious corruption' that require referral, including:

- any attempt to pervert the course of justice or other conduct likely to seriously harm the administration of justice, in particular the criminal justice system
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Council blasted after meeting on its future lasts five minutes

A POLITICAL war of words has broken out at County Hall – the home of Northants County Council.

The deputy leader of the Liberal Democrat group, Councillor Chris Stanbra, has hit out at the Conservative administration after a meeting lasted just five minutes.

He has blasted it as 'no way to run a council'.

The storm erupted following a cabinet member decision on May 17 which was chaired by deputy leader of the authority, Cllr Joan Kirkbride.

The Libs Dems were upset the directorate plans, which set out an overview of what the council aims to achieve over the next year, were passed so quickly and without any discussion. Cllr Stanbra said: "These plans are far too important to be pushed through by a single cabinet member in a five minute meeting.

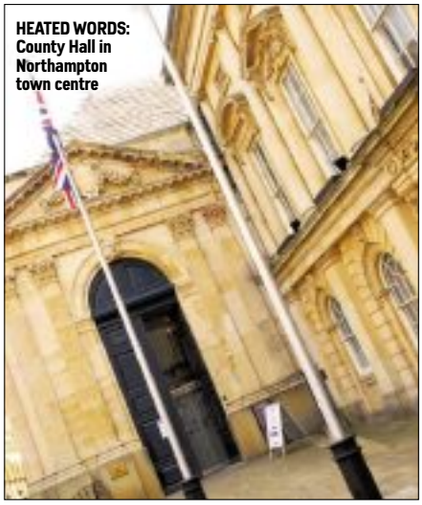
"To make matters worse there had been no direct consultation and no opportunity for councillors to scrutinise the plans."

Cllr Kirkbride said the meeting was open for anyone to attend.

She said: "Let us get the facts straight.

"As no one came along the meeting only lasted five minutes as there was only myself and the officers.

"These were not new decisions as they had been discussed at the budget and there was nothing going on behind closed doors."



HEATED WORDS: County Hall in Northampton town centre

'Suffering' villagers rap concrete plant

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CAMPAIGNERS against a 'hazardous' concrete plant say the proposal will bring villagers 'years of misery'.

And after the scheme at Boughton was approved by planning officials last week, the protesters now say they will find evidence of the material's harmful effects.

Councillor Judy Shepherd, of Northamptonshire County Council, who lives in Boughton and represented residents' concerns at the development control meeting, said the decision was "very disappointing".

She said: "We always thought there would be an end date and now there's going to be a hole in the ground there for perpetuity.

"It's been a continuous harassment over the years, with the noise, the dust and the lorry movements."

Temporary permission had been granted for recycling at the former quarry site and in February last year it was agreed that the recycling of cement production waste, known as 'K-Lime', would end in 2013 after Boughton Parish Council expressed concerns about the impact on health.

But now Peter Bennie Ltd, which runs the site, has been allowed to make it a permanent facility for 'waste management' and will build a new cement bagging plant, including a silo five metres high and storage bins four and a half metres high.

In October 2011, approval was secured for 376 homes to the south of the site and a further 1,050 properties are planned to the south-west at the Buckton Fields development.

Cllr Shephard said: "There are also plans for a primary school and a care home. It would concern anyone – not just parents – and it will affect anybody who wants to buy there."

K-Lime has been classified by the Environment Agency as 'hazardous', and although it did not object to the proposal, it said that steps should be taken to prevent the dust travelling in a southerly direction.

Peter Moor, of the council's development control committee, said in a report: "The applicant is proposing to plant an area of woodland with shrubs to the edge around the top of the bank and a privet hedge on the inside of the new proposed wooded area which it is envisaged will assist with the control of dust."

He added: "The continued waste management and other proposed industrial uses will benefit the local economy."

But speaking to the *Herald & Post*, Cllr Shephard added: "We're going to be the ones that suffer.

"This dust is going to be blown in our direction because we are in line with the prevailing wind.

"We will be doing more research. We're looking to get more evidence."

Residents speak out on plans to relocate library

A PUBLIC meeting was held to discuss the future of Wootton Library.

Northamptonshire County Council has been consulting on plans to relocate the facility, which is currently in Caroline Chisholm School, and to also review its opening hours.

Campaigners are worried that there would be a negative impact in moving the library and if it were to become a mobile library.

The council has said that keeping the facility at the school is no longer 'affordable' and moving it would allow for a Sunday service – currently not available due to the school being closed. Consultation on the plans closed last Thursday.

Terry's 'burden' warning fears for parish status bids

A COUNCILLOR has warned that residents may have to foot a big bill if they opt for their area to become a parish council.

Northampton Borough Councillor Terry Wire, the leader of the Labour group, has claimed that the Conservative party are not telling constituents the 'disadvantages' of setting up the councils.

Areas including Parklands, Rectory Farm, Sunnyside and Obelisk, West Hunsbury, Westone, St James and Hunsbury Meadow have successfully petitioned for a council to represent their community.

Residents will vote on the issue in November. But Cllr Wire said the Labour group believe the additional authorities would place 'an unnecessary financial burden' on homes.

He said: "Parish Councils might work fine in rural South Northamptonshire but in Northampton I think they are just another layer of bureaucracy.

"The biggest problem though is that they will place an additional financial burden on working people."

Leader of the council, Cllr David Mackintosh, said: "We believe that parish councils can bring huge benefits to local communities and put more power in the hands of local people. It will be residents who decide."

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'CRASH' BOY DUE IN COURT

AN 11-YEAR-OLD boy will appear before a court after allegedly taking a car and then crashing it causing 'extensive damage'.

The youth, who cannot be named, will be summonsed in connection with the theft, which happened on Saturday afternoon.

The car was taken from an address in Camberley Close, Northampton, where it was in collision with a parked car before it hit a tree in Octagon Way near Lidl in the Weston Favell Centre.

Police received reports of a young boy driving a black Suzuki car in Kingscroft, Bellinge, Northampton, at about 2.45pm. He was arrested and taken into custody at Weston Favell police station.

MEN BAILED OVER ATTACK

NINE men accused of a serious sexual assault on a woman in Northampton have been released on bail. The group were arrested by officers looking into claims that the woman was attacked on May 20 at an address on Duke Street, The Mounts.

They have been bailed, pending further enquiries, until the middle of July.

Detectives are continuing their investigation into the allegations.

'LEAK' PROMPTS SCARE

THREE businesses were evacuated yesterday morning during a suspected chemical leak.

However, it soon turned out to be a build up of methane gas in a blocked sewer in Foundry Place, Towcester. Three fire crews were called to the scene around 9.30am.

PARK BAG ROBBERY

A WOMAN was robbed in Becket's Park, Northampton. It happened around 7.30am on Tuesday when a man on a bike passed her at speed, grabbing her handbag. Her arm was cut as she fell to the floor.

£10m Hindu temple is given the green light

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A MULTI-MILLION pound 'landmark' temple could be built in two years' time after it was given unanimous approval by councillors.

The Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO) has welcomed the final stage of planning which means it will soon be able to start fundraising for at least £10 million needed for the development.

Nikul Odedra said, although permission was granted in 2010 by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, on Tuesday night Northampton Borough Councillors gave it the final go-ahead.

He said at the moment the aim was for the massive development, to be built on Lings Way, Northampton, to be completed by 2014 if the funds can be raised by next year.

The temple will take up about a quarter of the site, which is based in a local wildlife area, but with the rest of the space created for sporting facilities, a cinema, education centre and sheltered housing, among other things.

PROJECT: An artist's impression of the temple

Mr Odedra said: "The key thing is that this will be for everybody, from all backgrounds, in Northampton and the surrounding areas.

"There will be lots of facilities for businesses, a creche for children, a day centre for the elderly.

"It will also be very, very eco-friendly with solar panels, geo-thermal technology and water reservoirs to get water. We have a very comprehensive plan and it is great to have been given the final nod."

Councillor Penny Flavell, chairwoman of the planning committee, said: "We think this is an excellent project and will provide much needed facilities for the community in this area."

Brother forgives accident driver

THE brother of a man who died as a result of a traffic accident has told the driver not to feel guilty.

This touching moment emerged yesterday during the inquest of David Burgess, 48, from Forest Road, Far Cotton, Northampton, who died on October 25 last year.

The inquest was told the collision happened in Towcester Road at about 8.30pm on September 15, 2011.

Due to his injuries Mr Burgess was transferred from Northampton General Hospital to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford where he had brain surgery. Six weeks after the accident, with no improvement in his condition, his older brother Stephen Burgess gave his consent to turn off the life support machine.

Giving his evidence, the driver of the van, David Morris, said: "He was wearing dark clothing and I only saw him for a split second. There was nowhere for me to go."

Stephen Burgess then said: "It was an accident, do not feel guilty about it."

Mr Morris, clearly moved by his words, replied: "That means a lot. I am so sorry about it."

Coroner Anne Pember recorded it as an accidental death.

Festival runs out of beer

PUNTERS were turned away from a beer festival after it ran dry.

Thousands of people visited the three-day event at Delapre Abbey and more than 300 barrels of beer and 800 gallons of cider were not enough to satisfy the crowds.

The entrance was shut off on Saturday when the venue reached "full capacity".

Northamptonshire's Campaign for Real Ale (Camra), which run the festival, said on its website: "Please don't come down to the Abbey on the off chance that people leaving will allow more entries, as we will probably have run out of beer by that point."

Camra's organiser, Phil Greenway, said: "We had to make the difficult decision to close the gates on Saturday at around 3pm as we had a much higher attendance than expected due to the weather. We recorded over 5,000."

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Anglian Water said it had received a 'handful' of reports from neighbours concerning possible breaches but had found none. A spokesman said: "We want to work with our customers and that is our main aim. What we would urge is for people to find out if they are exempt, if they are a blue badge holder, for example.

"We have had reports from some neighbours but it does not necessarily flout the ban."

The ban, which came into force last month, is expected to last the summer.

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'Mobile' hoses may help flowers bloom

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HOSEPIPES could be used to help Northampton win a national flower contest this summer.

Organisers of the town's entry into the 'Bloom' awards say they have been in talks with Anglian Water to allow "mobile watering units" to use hosepipes.

Councillor John Caswell, cabinet member for the environment at Northampton Borough Council, said the plans had been considered when a ban was first suggested.

He said: "We have been negotiating with Anglian Water and I believe that our contractors, who will be watering the plants, are going to be allowed to use hosepipes because they are a business.

"We've got mobile watering vehicles to make sure that nothing dies. It's all in hand."

PETAL POWER: Last year's displays

Northampton has a history of success in the competition, winning three years in a row at regional level and taking silver at the national awards in 2010.

Cllr Caswell added: "We're hoping to be successful again and we as an authority are putting a lot of extra effort in. We've really been pushing people to make it a show this year. It's quite a community thing."

Households, businesses and organisations are being encouraged to enter 'Northampton in Bloom', with awards for the best front and back garden, hanging baskets, school, pub and business.

A council spokeswoman said that 22 entries had been received so far.

Neil Bartholomey, deputy chair of Northampton Town Centre BID, who co-organise the project, said: "There was a real buzz in the town last year and we have great feedback about how much people love the great feeling the flowers and displays help to create."

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The party's over for 'gutted' Naz

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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A JUBILEE street party organiser says he is 'gutted' that a lack of response from a local church and schools has forced him to cancel the celebration.

Councillor Naz Choudary was hoping to hold a street party for the 'whole community' of his St David's ward in Kingsthorpe, Northampton, but said he struggled to get different groups to come together.

He said: "Everyone's fine to do things in their own little bubble, but no one wants to come together. It's a real shame.

"I wanted to do something for everyone, not just a tea party for elderly residents."

The councillor planned to fund the party with £3,000 of his own money, and asked St David's Church if they would allow the use of some electricity points and toilets. But he said he had not had a response after the initial meeting.

"They haven't refused, but they haven't returned my calls. If I can't do it outside the church, which is the heart of the community, where am I going to do it? I had everything ready – we were just waiting on them."

Northampton Borough Council had approved Cllr Choudary's application and he had secured a road closure.

He also approached two schools in the area in a bid to get them involved. Julie Hill, headteacher at Green Oaks Primary School, said the councillor visited on a day she was away and left his card.

She said: "If I'm honest I haven't had any chance to get back to him and he hasn't called us again. It's not a deliberate move not to contact him.

"He obviously didn't make it clear to my receptionist what he wanted." She added that the school was 'always keen' to engage with community events.

A spokeswoman for the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School said staff had explained to Cllr Choudary that the school would be holding its own Jubilee celebrations.

Wardens at St David's Church were unavailable for comment.

Cops pledge to tackle nuisance

POLICE have warned Jubilee revellers not to spoil the fun for everyone else.

Officers will be attending street parties and community events as people gather to help mark the Queen's 60 year reign on the throne.

They have pledged to stay in the background but have promised anyone stepping out of line will be firmly dealt with.

Police will be monitoring the official – and anticipated unofficial – street parties. The mobile police station will be in Northampton town centre.

Sweet 60 for Eric and Joan

THE Queen is not the only one celebrating a special 60th anniversary.

Eric and Joan Holding from Wootton, Northampton have got their own 'Diamond Jubilee party' lined up this weekend.

The couple have been married 60 years having tied the knot on May 31, 1952.

Mr Holding said: "Joan is the only girlfriend I ever had. We started going out together when I came out of the Army in 1949 having done my National Service."

The couple, who are both in their 80s, moved to the town when Mr Holding retired to be nearer to their daughter Jill.

SIXTY YEARS: Eric and Joan Holding

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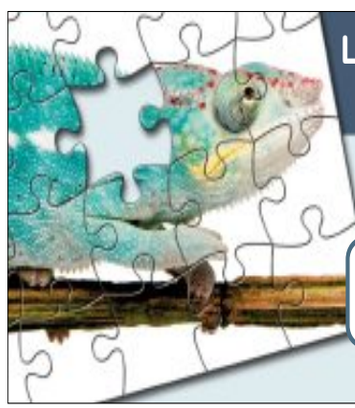

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■ THERE will be plenty going on as Wellingborough Museum hosts its own Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The free event in Castle Way on Saturday will include traditional fairground attractions, such as a coconut shy, dancers and food.

■ **PATTISHALL is celebrating with a fete on Bank Holiday Monday. There will be games, stalls, a beer tent, food and the children's Touring Activity Bus. It will be held in Pattishall Parish Hall and Playing Fields from 1pm. Proceeds will go towards its refurbishment.**

■ THE NC TLC Trust will be getting in the spirit with fun and games. This Earls Barton-based charity, which supports children with cancer and their families, is inviting people to join them for a Family Fun Day on Sunday. It will be held at Earls Barton Youth Club between noon and 4pm.

■ **A FLOWER festival will take place over the bank holiday weekend at the Church of St Peter and St Paul in Abington, Northampton. People can see the displays on Saturday after the service from 10.30am until 5pm, on Sunday after 9.30am and on Monday and Tuesday 10am-5pm.**

■ THERE will be a 'Family Jubilee Day' on Saturday in Croughton. It will open with a fancy dress parade in the High Street, followed by activities on the playing fields, closing with a barn dance and fish and chip supper. There will also be a silent auction. Money raised will be donated to village services. Visit www.croughton.org.uk

Sea Cadets

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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SEA cadets from the county will have a lead role when the Queen takes to the River Thames on Sunday.

The youngsters, aged 12 to 18, will be joining Her Majesty's Jubilee pageant, travelling with the Jubilee barge, Gloriana, from Wandsworth to Greenwich.

The cadets will be the focal point in a procession of more than 1,000 vessels – the first Thames event of its kind since 1717.

Each of the 55 boats manned by cadets from across the country will carry a flag representing a commonwealth nation and sail in a diamond formation for the 11km route.

Commanding officer, Lieutenant Claire Read, said: "It's an honour and a privilege for our cadets to be selected for this prestigious event.

"Our cadets from Northampton and Rushden Division are proud to honour Her Majesty in this event and are looking forward to being part of the Pageant on the newly refurbished and renamed boat, Diamond.

"We will also have the ex-Second Sea Lord, Admiral Sir John Brigstocke on board for the event so we will be flying his flag as well."

Captain Mark Windsor, of Sea Cadets, said: "This is a great honour for us, not least as HM The Queen is our patron, but it also offers our cadets an incredible opportunity to take part in a once in a lifetime event, to be part of

■ TAKING centre stage in Northampton's Jubilee events is a community picnic in Delapre Park on Sunday with six hours of entertainment.

Celebrating the foods, fashions and music of the Queen's 60-year reign, the picnic will include vintage fashion shows, dance, music, street performers, local food stalls, children's activities and much more.

People can either bring along their own picnic or try out what's on offer at the

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Jubilee weekend

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SETTING SAIL: The Diamond boat

history." Last month, the young sailing crew's celebrations nearly had to be cancelled after access to the Grand Union Canal was cut off by British Waterways to cope with drought conditions.

The unit of youngsters was due to steer a narrowboat all the way from their base to London in time for the pageant. But trailers had to be arranged instead, to transport the boat by road.

Jubilee pub and food court. There will also be vintage and retro fashion for sale. The event will be hosted by HM Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Lady Juliet Townsend.

The newly restored Delapre Abbey clock will chime for the first time in 20 years on Sunday to mark the occasion. Recently lifted back into place in the belltower following extensive restoration specially for the Jubilee event, the clock will ring out at midday.

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■ **NATIONAL Trust venues are baking cakes, stringing up bunting and getting in the party spirit. Canons Ashby is inviting visitors to enjoy a picnic in the gardens from Saturday to Wednesday. Visitors can bring their own or pick up a hamper from Tearoom. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlandsjubilee.**

■ THE final 'crafternoon' to prepare Jubilee decorations takes place today. Volunteers will be helping to make a floral show-stopper for the big day itself, fashioning flowers into a gigantic postage stamp.
The White Petal Workshop, a boutique florist based on Kettering Road, Northampton, is running the event.

■ **PARK rangers and Abington Park Museum are hoping to get people in the mood for Jubilee fun on Saturday with a Jamboree. From 1pm to 4pm, people are invited to bring along their own picnic and take part in fun and games. There will be a sack race, javelin throwing, giant Jenga and the museum is holding craft activities.**

■ HENNA tattooing will be taking place on Sunday as the Hindu community celebrate the occasion. Between 11am and 4pm the Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation will hold the event, to which people are invited to bring their own picnic, just off Lings Way, Northampton - next to the Wildlife Trust.
There will also be a bouncy castle and refreshments.

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Trust sorry for birth blunders

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A HOSPITAL trust has apologised to the family of a seven-year-old boy left with a permanent disability due to serious blunders made at his birth.

Callum Sharp from Northampton suffered significant damage to his shoulder when he became stuck during delivery and staff at Kettering General Hospital performed incorrect manoeuvres to free him.

The youngster was diagnosed with Erb's Palsy, meaning he has limited use of his left arm and will require a range of specialist equipment to help him and his family cope.

Kettering General Hospital NHS Trust admitted it breached its duty of care to Callum after his mother and father, Rebecca and Jamie Sharp, took legal action with the help of law firm JMW Solicitors.

The trust, which is responsible for the hospital, said that if staff had used the correct procedure to free Callum's shoulder it would not have been damaged and he would not have suffered the debilitating disability.

HOSPITAL ERRORS: Callum Sharp with his mum and dad

Callum's mother, care worker Mrs Sharp, 26, of Morgan Close, said that while the family was grateful for the apology from the trust, it did not change what happened.

She said: "Callum will have to live with the impact of the hospital's negligence for the rest of his life and will need much support and special care to ensure he can have the quality of life he deserves and that others take for granted. Callum is a happy child and while I have no doubt there is every chance he will overcome his disability and reach his potential, we do worry about his future."

Callum struggles with many everyday tasks, such as dressing himself, as well as many other activities such as swimming and riding a bike.

Following the admission of negligence from the hospital, Callum will eventually receive compensation to enable his family to provide the equipment and care he requires.

Olivia Scates, a partner in the medical negligence team at JMW, said: "Callum's family has been through the incredibly distressing experience of having a child who was injured by completely unacceptable errors.

"It's crucial that the hospital ensures all staff adhere to the guidelines for delivering a baby who is stuck in this way, and understand the devastating consequences if they do not."

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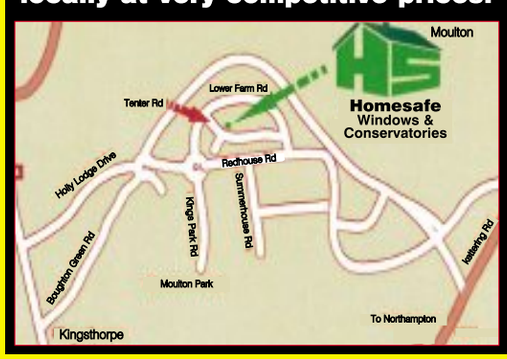

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Remember to care for your animals in the heat

WITH the recent arrival of hot weather, we should be reminded that animals suffer and die when temperatures rise.

Dogs die very quickly in hot cars and they should not be left inside them even for short periods. Opening a window an inch is not sufficient. Other animals suffer, too. Rabbits must not be left in a hutch in the glaring sun or inside a sweltering garage or shed.

They need a cool, shady place where the air circulates and where they are able to move freely.

A hot rabbit can be kept cool by applying cold water gently to his ears. Should your rabbit become listless, or start breathing hard through an open mouth or go limp, get him to a vet immediately. Rabbits must also be checked daily throughout summer months for signs of flystrike.

Smaller animals, like hamsters, rats and gerbils, can be kept cool by opening windows and closing curtains, using a fan (but not pointing it directly at them), refreshing water and providing a frozen water bottle, wrapped in a towel so that it cannot be chewed.

Kate Fowler
Head of Campaigns
Animal Aid

Have your say on lap dancing club

IN May 2010 Northampton Borough Council decided to adopt the new law relating to lap dancing clubs.

This means that these clubs are now recognised as 'Sex Entertainment Venues' under the Policing and Crime Act 2009 which means that local people and local communities can have much more say on the opening of such clubs.

The Urban Tiger lap dancing club in Wellingborough Road, Northampton, has now submitted its application to renew its Sexual Entertainment Licence under the new legislation.

Many people feel that the Urban Tiger is in an inappropriate location and this is one of the main grounds allowed for objection under the new law.

Urban Tiger is situated in a central area of town which is completely inappropriate for a sexual entertainment establishment. It is surrounded by places frequented by children such as the school uniform shop and the Games Workshop, and is close to bus stops where women often have to wait alone late at night for transport home.

UNDER FIRE: Urban Tiger

Lap dancing clubs fuel a sexist culture in which it is increasingly acceptable to treat women as sex objects, not people. This has been recognised by the UN Convention on Eliminating All Forms of Discrimination Against Women as having clear links to discrimination and violence against women.

Areas surrounding lap dancing clubs can become 'no-go' areas for women, with many reporting that they feel unsafe in the vicinity of such venues, and research reveals that individuals performing in the clubs face exploitative working conditions.

Research shows that the presence of lap dancing clubs increases the demand for prostitution services nearby.

Regulating the operation of lap dancing clubs is an issue of equality not morality.

The existence of sexual entertainment venues on our high street has a huge negative impact on women's equality and safety and this is why we are calling for this licence to be rejected. If you feel that Northampton would be a better town without sexual entertainment on our high street then you have until June 7 to get your objections in.

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We do need to get on track with rail lines

I LIKE Jack Rickard's (*H&P* Letters May 24) enthusiasm for opening up more railway lines.

It is probably unintentional but it reads as though lines should be here, there and everywhere.

It was the unsatisfactory state of having lines everywhere that Dr Beeching was to sort. Whilst the job needed doing, the vicious attitude was far from helpful: it was seen to be politically expedient at the time.

What we have now is very much a case of the sins the fathers being brought upon the children.

In some cases, rail has come back with a vengeance. In others, political interference has seen former lines converted into busways. Whilst buses and busways are valuable for integrated transport, using lines that could be plugged back into the network is stupidity.

There has also been pressure recently from campaigners rubbishing HS2. Whilst HS2 is not as good as it might be, we are in desperate need of more capacity.

Sadly, the Great Central was axed. HS2 is primarily about capacity, it making sense to build in high speed at the same time.

I am not sure all Jack's suggestions are appropriate, but locally we do need to look at options like a Northampton-Bedford-Luton Airport link and tram-trains along the Brampton Valley to Harborough.

Colin Bricher
Local Spokesman
Christian People's Alliance Party

Looking Glass Theatre's piece of magic

ON May 19 in a village hall somewhere in Northamptonshire I experienced a little piece of theatre magic.

A company of six young people, including three children, recreated AE Nesbitt's beloved story of The Railway Children.

From the moment the guard's whistle blew and steam billowed gently from backstage we were transported to the early years of the last century.

With minimal props and scenery, a tinkling piano in the background and amazing lighting and sound effects, a wonderful story was simply and effectively told. Three of the cast played many parts and the children of the title gave word-perfect and dedicated performances.

The audience comprised all age groups and the story was so well interpreted by producer James Smith that even the youngest child could understand and be enthralled.

This small company had already assembled their production in another village earlier in the day and has been travelling round the country, involving much hard work by the team.

The Looking Glass Theatre will be bringing their play to Abington Park in August. Look out for it!

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'Hostage' taker avoids jail term

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ARMED police were called to a flat in Northampton after a man 'took his girlfriend hostage', a court heard.

During the ordeal on April 1 Keenan Berrill, 20, of Horsemarket, Northampton, would not let the victim leave.

Brandishing a knife, he told police he was going to 'end it'. Laura O'Malley, prosecuting at Northampton Crown Court, said: "At 2am, three police officers went to check on the welfare of this defendant who had called the police.

"Upon arrival, the defendant was on the stairs. He shouted 'I'm going to jump out the window'."

Berrill then disappeared into his flat and told police over the telephone 'I've got a hostage now'. He allowed his girlfriend to stand outside the flat but she was trying to get past

Judge Richard Bray

him and he would not let her down the stairs.

Shouting 'I'm going to end this now', he appeared at the window with a 14cm knife.

Miss O'Malley added: "He tapped the knife against the flat window in a threatening manner. When firearms officers arrived, he asked the police officer on the phone 'have those lot got guns?'."

Police said Berrill's girlfriend did not seem distressed, but when officers tried to get the defendant to put the knife down, he refused and hung up. Minutes later he shouted to police to call him back and said 'I'm going to come down now. I'm going to put the knife in the stairwell so you don't have to tazer me'.

Berrill was convicted at Northampton Magistrates' Court on April 10 of possession of a bladed article.

Judge Richard Bray, sentencing Berrill, said: "This was a serious incident involving your possession of a bladed article and the result of it all was that the police had to come and there was potential for really serious trouble.

"There has to be a prison sentence – that will be one of 26 weeks. However, you have mental health problems and you're trying to deal with those, so I can suspend the sentence for 12 months."

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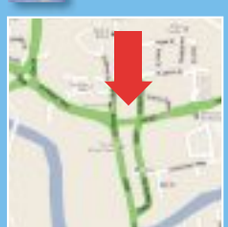

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Uni heads for the Waterside

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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BUILDING work on a new university campus could start in three years time.

It is expected that initial groundwork can get under way on the Avon Nunn Mills site in 2015 with a view to opening the Waterside Campus sometime between 2018-2020.

The University of Northampton's Governing Council has approved the scheme to further explore developing the new site within the Northampton Waterside Enterprise Zone.

Delia Heneghan, director of marketing, said: "This new Waterside Campus will place us in the heart of the community and will also enable us to deliver our mission of 'Raising the Bar'; regionally, nationally and internationally through social enterprise.

"It is a hugely exciting project and a massive undertaking. It is an investment of more than £300m and if it progresses as we hope we could be moving in to start ground work in 2015, with the campus opening sometime between 2018 and 2020."

The principle of a major mixed-use development at Avon Nunn Mills is enshrined in local planning policy and is supported by the local authorities.

West Northamptonshire Development Corporation has commenced a Compulsory Purchase Order to address fragmented land ownership and support the delivery of a major mixed-use scheme at the site.

This process is expected to conclude by the end this year.

The corporation has also started the procurement of a developer partner for the site and is currently seeking expressions of interest from prospective partners.

NEW START: An artist's impression of how the new campus could look

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Street football bonanza

WITH the European Championships starting next week more than 200 young footballers from Northampton will be kicking-off to compete in a Street Football Festival.

The five-a-side tournament, organised by Northampton Leisure Trust's Street Football Project, will kick off on Wednesday, June 6 at the Racecourse with three full afternoons of football action.

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Slashing spree of irate ex-wife

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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A WOMAN has been ordered to compensate her ex-husband after slashing his tyres on Christmas Day.

Maureen Radwell, 51, of Crofters Close, Northampton, said she was an 'emotional wreck' when she decided to visit David Radwell who was staying with his brother-in-law Glen Shocklidge in Rushden.

Laura O'Malley, prosecuting at Northampton Crown Court, said Ms Radwell was told she was not welcome, before pulling out a large kitchen knife.

She added: "She approached the husband's black Ford Galaxy and she proceeded to stab all the tyres, causing three to deflate."

Ms Radwell also hit the car with a pot. The men managed to restrain her and take the knife.

Nick De Freitas, defending, said: "She believed her husband was being unfaithful to her and she was, as she puts it, an emotional wreck."

He added: "She took her frustrations out on his car."

Ms Radwell pleaded guilty to criminal damage and having a bladed article, and was convicted at Northampton Magistrates' Court on April 30.

On Friday she was given a sentence of 26 weeks suspended for two years, 120 hours' unpaid work and must pay £664 for the damage.

JOY: Mayor Roger Conroy re-opens the café
Image courtesy of Kelly Israel

Fresh start for centre as mum power wins

THE Northampton Baby Café is back in business.

Last Friday was a day of celebrations for everyone who had campaigned to keep the centre based in Wellington Street going.

Mums who use the facility had been protesting for months to ensure the breastfeeding support drop-in centre had a future, managing to raise the £16,500 needed.

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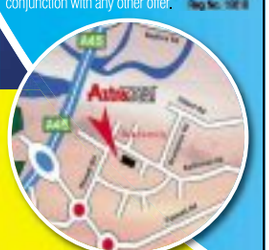

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Architecturally, it's a little gem. A conservation area that lies in close proximity to Northampton town centre, in the late 19th century, it was hugely attractive to gentlemen horse racing enthusiasts who had to go no further than their front doors to see the 'Sport of Kings'.

Today, Kingsley is known locally as 'Poets' Corner' because of the number of roads in the area that are named after writers of verse.

If you're lucky, you may find a modern-day Byron struggling over a cup of coffee to compose his next great masterpiece, a contemporary Chaucer getting his computer checked out or a 21st century Milton shopping for an anniversary gift for his wife. One thing's for certain. You will find a lot of people who are tired of trudging into town to shop enjoying the amenities that are on offer, within a stone's throw, right in the heart of their com

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British rider Cal Crutchlow has had a strong start to his second season in MotoGP with Monster Yamaha Tech 3, and will be pushing hard in front of his home crowd.

After missing last year's British Grand Prix event due to injury, Cal will be more determined than ever as he goes head-to-head with seasoned MotoGP™ legends Casey Stoner, Jorge Lorenzo and Valentino Rossi around Silverstone's super-fast Grand Prix Circuit.

With this year's regulation changes bringing a brand new generation of MotoGP™ bikes to the Northamptonshire track, Brit James Ellison will also be looking for a decent performance in front of the home fans. There are plenty of Brits for supporters to get behind in the Moto2™ and Moto3™ classes, too. The British trio of Scott Reading, Bradley Smith and Gino Rea will be pushing for podiums in Moto2™, while Danny Kent and Danny Webb will be out to impress in Moto3™.

ON TRACK: Cal Crutchlow

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IT'S boom time for cricket, with England enjoying success over the West Indies at Test level – and the appetite for the crash, bang, wallop of the limited overs game has never been bigger.

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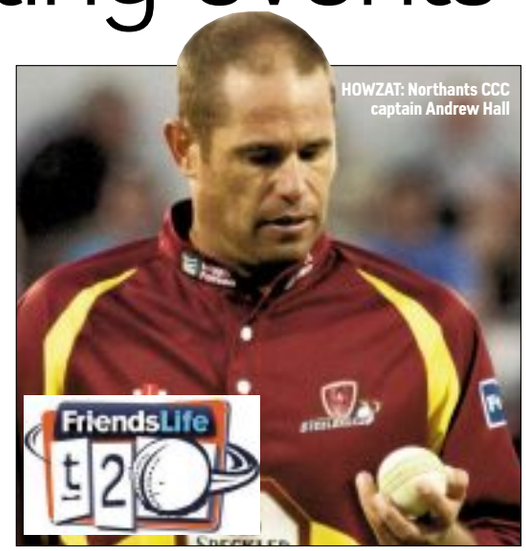

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Students set for sporting challenge

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More than 800 pupil-athletes will be competing in 17 different sports including five disability sports. Linda Brooks, headteacher of Manor School and Sports College, said: "With London 2012 fast approaching, the School Games give Northamptonshire a great opportunity to showcase high quality competitive sports and the county's finest pupil-athletes."

The five disability sports are archery, goalball, table tennis, table cricket and new age curling. Disability Sport at the School Games will be the product of the Project Ability programme that is delivered across Northamptonshire to give young people with disabilities the chance to take part in activities. In preparation for the event more than 200 sports leaders will receive specific School Games training.

VISIT: The torch's route through town centre

Torch's trail to light up centre

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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JUBILEE celebrations are dominating the calendar this weekend but details of the next national event to hit Northampton have now been announced.

The exact route of the Olympic torch, as it makes its way through the county on Monday, July 2 has been finalised.

Beginning their journey to the west of Northampton at Weedon Road Industrial Estate, local torch bearers will set off at 10.20am.

The flame will then be carried into the town centre via St James Road and St Peters Way and complete a circuit that takes in the town centre destinations of Bridge Street, Drapery, Abington Street and St Giles Street.

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BURNING BRIGHT: The 2012 Olympic Torch

Herald&Post Brief

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Let's face it; the Union Jack is everywhere whether it's on bunting, buns or balloons. It is a Jubilee must have to hang across the street or in the home and can also be found as serviettes, face paints and ribbons.

Delicious food is also a must have to really get the street buzzing. Chopped pork, ham or chicken recipes are ideal for street parties and if the weather is going to be hot, side salads, coleslaws and sandwiches are the way to go. Street parties mean each household can bring a dish to share so make sure you have plenty of space to put it all.

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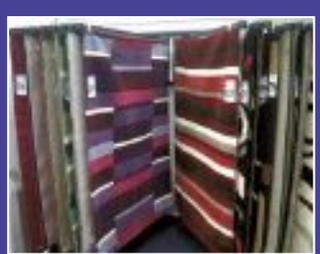

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Simon did not so much land the role of Arthur – rather it was written especially with him in mind.

He said: "Douglas had always wanted to start a sitcom with the earth exploding.

"He told me in 1977 he had decided I should do it as no one else could play Arthur.

"I realised he was flattering me but I cleared my empty diary and agreed to do it.

"I don't know if Arthur Dent was supposed to be a reflection of me or Douglas.

"I have been through phases where I just didn't think Arthur was me but rather Arthur was Douglas.

"But the older I get, the more irritable I get when things are not going well or the universe is not with me and I think maybe he was right and he understood me better than I thought."

Among comedy/sci-fi fans Arthur has become a legend and when they go and watch the shows thousands turn up in their dressing gowns carrying towels.

Arthur's dressing gown is perhaps the most famous in the world.

Simon explained the original dressing gown is not hanging on the bathroom door, rather it is preserved in a mummified state.

The stage show sees the radio and TV cast re-united through highlights of the Hitchhiker's saga.

Simon does enjoy the production as it gives him and all the other actors that interaction they missed when doing THGTTG on the radio and telly.

He said: "The one thing we didn't do when the radio series was recorded or the television series broadcast was to perform it before a live audience.

"It was not until 2009 when we did it before an audience that we realised what we had been

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Simon 'the voice' Jones's sci-fi success

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missing. People had travelled from across England and Europe to see the show.

"There were lots of people in dressing gowns, waving their towels over their heads and stomping their feet and loving every minute of it."

Simon explained the success of THGTTG did come as something of a surprise to everyone.

He said when the BBC started broadcasting the radio show they put it out at 10.30pm on a Tuesday so if it was a success it would be seen as a cult but if it failed no one would have noticed.

Simon said: "To our astonishment people started to get it and realised it was a sci-fi parody. When the series ended there was huge demand to get it repeated immediately which was unheard of.

"I remember Douglas Adams going to a book signing. He saw a huge queue outside and wondered to himself who is the famous author and maybe he could get a signed copy of the book.

"It was only when he got there he realised the famous author was him."

The one thing which has not changed for Simon and the one thing which makes him so recognisable is his voice.

He said: "My voice is what people recognise me for and it doesn't seem to have changed since I did the original radio series 35 years ago.

"I got a call from a director who said he had a role for me in the remake of the Thomas Crown Affair which would not require me getting dressed, I didn't need to shave and I wouldn't be seen.

"I was asked did I want the role. I said yes and all I had to do was be on the end of a phone answering one or two questions from Rene Russo.

"After it came out I had an email from a friend of mine in South Africa saying I have just heard you in the Thomas Crown Affair. So you see it is the voice."

Tickets cost £19.50 to £26.50. To book, call 01064 624811.

BBC star Ben shares acting tips

Ben Ryan Davies with Stagecoach student Morgan Britton, 11

THEATRE school students were joined by a very special guest – Waterloo Road star Ben Ryan Davies.

The actor, who plays Ronan in the hit BBC series, popped in to Stagecoach Northampton to deliver a masterclass to a senior group and take part in a Q&A session.

During his visit, on May 19, Ben also went through some actual scenes from Waterloo Road with the children.

As well as having a great day the students also had their picture taken with the actor.

The school's principal is Pete Hillier, who also comes from a TV background and is probably best known from award-winning CBeebies show Boogie Beebies.

What a horror! Masque dig in

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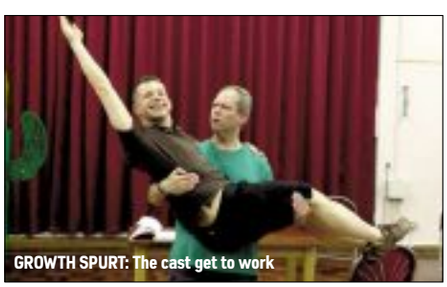

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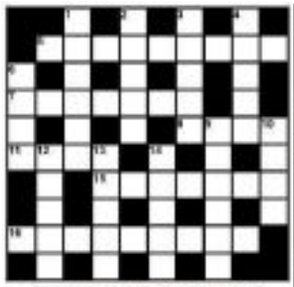

QUICKSOLVE?

ACROSS
5.Mocked (9)
7.A flower (7)
8.Con trick (4)
11.Eg robin (4)
15.Empathy (7)
16.Shouting (5)

DOWN
1.Planting tool (6)
2.Young mare (5)
3.Trailer (5)
4.TV, papers etc (3)
6.Facile (4)
9.Fools around (8)
10.Clothes peat (4)
12.Table (5)
13.Amusing (5)
14.Eggs (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Miss 3.Snow 6.Angst 7.Age 9.Sequel 10.Gyrate 13.Yes 14.Blight 15.Poke 16.Divine
DOWN: 1.Mean 2.Spud 3.Settee 4.Opaque 5.Meal 8.Fresco 9.Stable 10.Guys 11.Wild 12.Slave

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MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

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ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN

ANSWER: MATCH FIVE

FIND THE WORDS

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Investigate: Examine, Search, Case, Hunt, Ferret, Study, Test, Fossick, Trace, Root, Explore, Scout, Nose, Scan, Quest, Probe, Snoop, Track, Define, Forage

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A BRAIN I
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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 15 Masters: 22+

Students record college album

TWO talented music students have won a place on a tenth anniversary album.

Ashe Austin O'Hara, who went to The Duston School, and Arron Ritchie, who was in foster care from the age of 11 and attended a number of schools in the town, feature on Volume Contrast Brilliance.

It is being released by the UK's leading college of contemporary music BIMM.

The album is the culmination of several years hard work and dedication from the school's top students, who went through a fierce audition process to have their songs recorded and produced.

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THE LIFEBUILDING **£149,995**

Spacious three story end of terrace property, situated in the ever popular Lifebuilding development. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan sitting/dinning area incorporating a modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances. The first floor comprises two double bedrooms and family bathroom, with the master bedroom and en suite on the second floor. Further benefits include double glazing, gas radiator heating and no upper chain. P4362

GREAT DODDINGTON **£159,995**

A semi detached property situated in the ever popular village of Great Doddington. The internal accommodation comprises sitting/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. There are gardens to the front and rear, with the latter offering a good degree of privacy. Further benefits include uPVC double glazing and gas radiator heating, some updating required. No upper chain. P4286.

ABINGTON **£114,995**

Underwoods Town and County are delighted to offer this spacious three bedroom home in Abington. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, sitting/dining room, refitted kitchen and shower room to the ground floor, with three bedrooms (en-suite bathroom to master) to the first floor. Externally the property occupies a generous plot, with enclosed rear gardens and a low maintenance frontage. Further benefits include uPVC double glazing, gas radiator heating and no upper chain. P4368

Underwoods are delighted to offer this terrace property close to the centre of Northampton. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, sitting/dining, kitchen, cellar, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property offers a rear garden. Further benefits include uPVC sash windows. P4284

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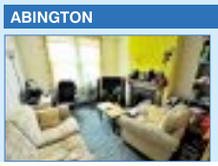
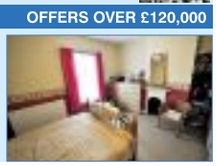

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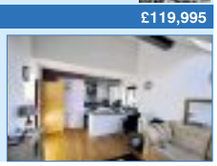

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TOWN CENTRE £425 pcm

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A MODERN ONE BEDROOM CLUSTER HOME comprising OPEN PLAN LIVING ACCOMMODATION, lounge/dining area with wall mounted gas fire, KITCHEN with COOKER, ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM with built in wardrobe bathroom with MIXER SHOWER attachment over bath, OFF ROAD PARKING, UNFURNISHED, enclosed paved rear garden. Available 20th July. P4188

ST JAMES £480 pcm

A TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT comprising LIVING/DINING ROOM, KITCHEN with a range of base and eye level units, roll top work surfaces, sink unit, splash back tiling, FAMILY BATHROOM with shower over bath, low flush WC, wash hand basin, splash back tiling, ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE BEDROOM, wall mounted electric heating, double glazing, UNFURNISHED. Available 8th June. P2296.

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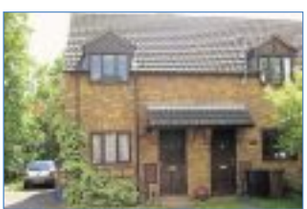

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TOWN CENTRE £570 pcm

A TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR MODERN AND WELL PRESENTED APARTMENT comprising LOUNGE/DINER, KITCHEN with integrated oven, hob and extractor, FAMILY BATHROOM with shower over bath, TWO GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS, built in wardrobe, central heating, double glazing, UNFURNISHED, allocated parking. Available 7th June. P3350.

ST JAMES £575 pcm

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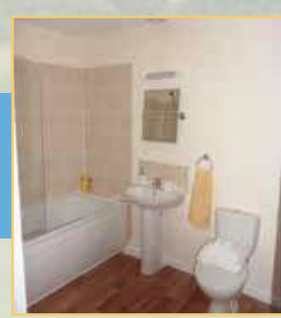

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AWARD-WINNING: The Citroen DS5

Citroen doubles up with its two creative designs

TWO distinctive Citroen models have hit the road.

The manufacturer's award-winning new DS5 and its C1 recently went on sale.

DS5 prices range from £22,400 to £32,200 for the range-topping DSport Hybrid4 version.

The model combines bold, modern styling with a luxurious aviation-inspired interior featuring a cockpit roof and pilot-style cabin.

Compact and agile, spacious and versatile, DS5 has five doors, five full-size seats and up to 465-litres of boot space.

Citroen's 'Créative Technologie' includes keyless access and start, smart beams, a colour head-up display and a new Lane Departure Warning System.

It is also available with a choice of four refined and efficient Euro V engines.

Having already picked up the Top Gear magazine Family Car of the Year award, DS5 was recently voted Car Design News' Car Design of the Year by an international audience of automotive designers and industry experts.

The newly restyled Citroen C1 appeals to a range of drivers. It is stylish, frugal and practical – ideal for nimble urban driving. The C1 is also spacious enough for four adults. Prices start from £7,995 and go to £10,545 for the range-topping five-door VTR+ which features Citroen's efficient Electronic Gearbox System with steering-mounted paddle controls.

The C1 is well specified, even from the entry-level VT trim.

VTR versions add day-time running LEDs, air conditioning and electric front windows. The VTR+ trim also includes 14 inch alloy wheels, Connecting Box, front fog lights, a leather steering wheel and dark tinted windows.

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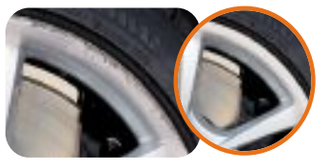

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* What's It all About?

There's no gentle way of putting this. Yamaha's FZ8 is an out and out hooligan's bike but is no less loveable for it. In an age where scalpel-sharp styling and sleek fairings represent the state of the art, the 2012 FZ8 takes a more back to basics approach.

With no fairing and flat handlebars, the FZ8 at first looks like a bit of a throwback but dig a little deeper and you'll soon realise that it's built on some phenomenal underpinnings. This is, to all intents and purposes, a user-friendly FZ1, although Yamaha prefer to refer to it as the replacement to the discontinued FZ6.

*** What Does It Cost?**

Here's where things get a little complicated. In the basic form as we examine it here, the FZ8 costs £7,128. That's straightforward enough. However, Yamaha will also sell you a version with a half fairing, grab rails, fixed mirrors and ABS as standard which they call the Fazer 8. This retails at £2,000 more than the FZ8 coming out at £9,128. If getting to the destination is just as important as the arriving, this version of the FZ8 may well appeal.

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*** How Does It Handle?**

Whereas old Fazer models made do with a tube perimeter frame, this current FZ8 features a proper supersports style cast aluminium beam frame. This increase in chassis rigidity means the bike is far more capable of handling big power, serious cornering and savage braking. So Yamaha has done the right thing and endowed it with all of the above. The gold coloured forks are a nice touch too. All the power comes in a stream above 8,000rpm and the chassis is well up to the task. The naked frame encourages the rider to adopt a lower position than normal and this can make the front end feel a little 'pointy' but it's something a decent rider will soon get to grips with. One benefit of having no fairing is that speeds in excess of 100mph become virtually impossible, the wind pressure building up on your head and shoulders to such an extent that you'd need to be built like Iron Mike to attempt to get anywhere near this bike's top end of around 135mph. Having said that it is a delight to ride in all conditions.

*** Verdict**

If you like the idea of old-school styling married to cutting edge technology and eye-watering capability, the FZ8 could be right up your street. It's comfortable, highly manoeuvrable, especially at low speeds, the clutch and throttle are light to the touch and the brakes are powerful and reassuring. Compared to its rivals, the Kawasaki Z750R and Triumph Street Triple R, it looks a real bargain.

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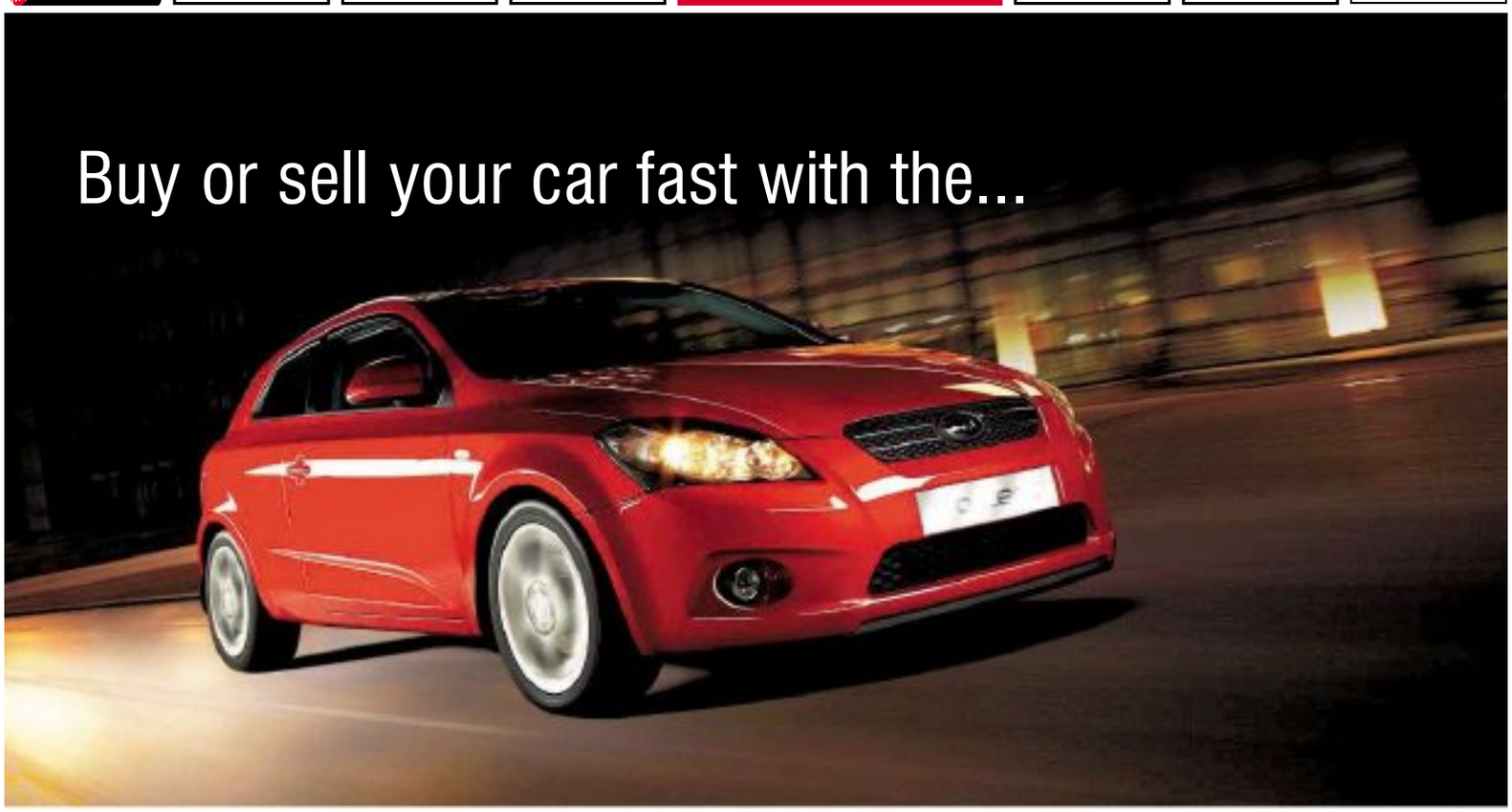

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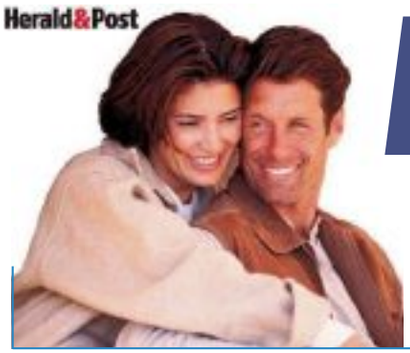

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A5199 WELFORD ROAD, SPRATTON)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of the A5199 Welford Road, Spratton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of the A5199 Welford Road, Spratton from the entrance to White Lodge Farm to the entrance of Five Chimneys.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety carriageway preventative maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st June 2012 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to 10 days for surface dressing/micro-asphalt. Closure will be applied during June/July 2012.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use A508 and A14. For traffic heading south use A14, A508, A5076, A5123 and A5095.

Dated this 31st day of May 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-364359.

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NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Susan Bridge, Head of Planning
Northampton Borough Council

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (WOOTTON TO BRACKMILLS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A45 Trunk Road in the County of Northamptonshire to allow resurfacing and drainage work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to –

(1) close the northbound carriageway of the A45 from its junction with the slip road leading to its roundabout junction with Rowtree Road, Wooldale Road and London Road (Wootton Junction) to its junction with the slip road leading from its roundabout junction with Eagle Drive and Caswell Road (Brackmills Interchange);
(2) close the slip road leading -
(a) from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to Wootton Junction Service Area;
(b) to the northbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction with Rowtree Road, Wooldale Road and London Road (Wootton Junction);
(c) from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction the A5076/A508/B526 (Queen Eleanor Interchange);
(d) to the northbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction the A5076/A508/ B526 (Queen Eleanor Interchange); and
(e) from the northbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with Eagle Drive and Caswell Road (Brackmills Interchange); and
(3) close the layby situated adjacent to the northbound carriageway of the A45 approximately 150 metres north of M1 Junction 15.

Work is expected to be carried out overnight between 21.00 hours and 06:00 hours from Sunday 24 June 2012 to Thursday 28 June 2012; between 21.00 hours and 08:00 hours on Friday 29 June 2012; and between 20.00 hours and 09:00 hours on Saturday 30 June 2012. The Order will come into force on 18 June 2012. The layby will be closed 24 hours a day during this period.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes via Wooldale Road Wootton to either Queen Eleanor or Brackmills Interchange on the A45 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Clare Trebble, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01623886580.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (NEAR TOWCESTER NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY 40 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road, south east of Towcester, in the County of Northamptonshire to allow for safety improvement work to take place.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 40 miles per hour speed restriction on the northbound carriageway of the A5 between points the northbound carriageway of the A5 between points 30 metres and 780 metres north west of its junction with Tews End Lane

The work is expected to start at 06:00 hours on Monday 11 June 2012 and continue for approximately five weeks. The Order will come into force on 4 June 2012.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and special forces will be exempt from the speed limit.

For further information please contact Simon Wagstaff, a Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency on 01623 886573.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HOLLOWELL ROAD, CREATON & CREATON ROAD, HOLLOWELL)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Hollowell Road, Creaton and Creaton Road, Hollowell as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Hollowell Road, Creaton and Creaton Road, Hollowell from junction of A5199 Welford Road to junction of Church Hill.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway preventative maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st June 2012 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to 10 days for surface dressing/micro-asphalt. Closures will be applied during June/July 2012.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading east use Guilsborough Road, Hollowell Road, Coton Road, Guilsborough Road, High Street, Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe Road, Spratton Road, Teeton Road and Welford Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading west.

Dated this 31st day of May 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-364359.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WYMINGTON ROAD, WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD & NORTHAMPTON ROAD, RUSHDEN)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Wymington Road, Wellingborough Road and Northampton Road, Rushden as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during surface dressing works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st June 2012 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to 10 days. Closures will be applied during June/July 2012.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 31st day of May 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

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SCHEDULE
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Wellingborough Road, Rushden – from junction of Washbrook Road to junction of Northampton Road roundabout.
Diversion – for traffic heading north use Washbrook Road, Higham Road and Northampton Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Northampton Road, Rushden – from junction of Wellingborough Road to Crown Way roundabout.
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

West Northamptonshire Development Corporation

Footpath KL10 (Part) in the Parish of Duston in the Borough of Northampton

Public Path Diversion Order 2011

and will attend at:

The Jeffery Room, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

On Wednesday 18 July 2012 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to divert part of Public Footpath KL 10 in the parish of Duston, which commences at point A, (National Grid Reference (NGR) 47225 26118) on the Order Map in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of 160 metres to point B (NGR 47239 26111) and create an alternative footpath known as footpath KL 10 in the parish of Duston running from point A, (NGR 47225 26118) proceeding in a generally north easterly direction for a distance of 75 metres to point C (NGR 47232 26117) and then running in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of 101 metres to point B (NGR 47239 26111). The new line of path shall have a width of 1.9 metres.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE, tel 01604 838915.

Planning Inspectorate Reference:
FPS/M9570/5/2

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate:
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CREATON, LAMPORT, BRIXWORTH, SPRATTON & SYWELL)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the various roads in Creaton, Lamport, Brixworth, Spratton and Sywell as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway preventative maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st June 2012 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to 15 days for carriageway patching and up to 10 days for surface dressing/micro-asphalt. Closures will be applied during June/July 2012.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 31st day of June 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/T12/067

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-364359.

SCHEDULE
(Lengths of roads to be closed)

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A508 Harborough Road, Brixworth & Lamport – from junction of A508/C31 Scaldwell Road roundabout to junction of High Street, Lamport.
Diversion – for traffic heading north use A5076, A43 and A14. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Church Street & High Street, Brixworth – from junction of Station Road to junction of Harborough Road.
Diversion – for traffic heading north use Harborough Road, Northampton Road, Spratton Road, Brixworth Road, Welford Road, Violet Lane, The Green, Brixworth Road, Creaton Road and Station Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Spratton Road, Brixworth & Brixworth Road, Spratton – from junction of Woodfields to junction of Olde Hall Close.
Diversion – for traffic heading east use Welford Road, Violet Lane, The Green, Brixworth Road, Creaton Road, Station Road, Church Street, Northampton Road and Harborough Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading west.

Sywell Road, Overstone & Overstone Road, Sywell – from junction of Holcot Lane to the Overstone 40 mph sign.
Diversion – for traffic heading east use Overstone Lane, A43 and Holcot Lane. The route is vice versa for traffic heading west.

Rapid rise ranks highly for Waller

RUGBY UNION

QUESTION: Who was the only Northampton Saints player to play in every game of the 2011/12 season? The answer, perhaps surprisingly, is none other than up-and-coming prop forward Alex Waller.

Admittedly most of those 35 appearances were as a replacement, but that does not tell the full story of the impact Waller – who recently walked away with the club's Young Player of the Year Award – has had or the progress he has made.

At the age of 22, where most would consider a front rower to only be just breaking into the senior team, the Kettering-born loose head has already racked up 56 appearances in a Saints shirt and couldn't feel better with how, on a personal level, the season went.

"Looking back, I couldn't have hoped to play any more games because I managed to be involved in them all," said Waller.

"I'm happy with that, and the way the season has gone I think I have improved and hopefully can carry on doing that.

"I am really pleased that happened and it has benefitted my rugby. Getting that much game time and playing in all three competitions was a great experience.

"Unfortunately we couldn't quite win any of them, but we can build on that as a squad and next season take it into the Premiership, the Heineken and LV= Cups as well, and hopefully come away with some silverware."

It has been a rapid rise for Waller, who emerged from the Northampton Academy in 2009, learning his trade in the Wanderers side that won that season's A League title and also on a dual registration deal with Rugby Lions in National League Three South.

His senior debut came as a replacement away to Ospreys in the LV= Cup that November, while his first Aviva Premiership start in the defeat away to Gloucester last April saw him get on the score sheet with a try.

Waller is well on his way to earning himself a regular starting spot. Unfortunately for him, the man that happens to be standing in the way of him is powerhouse and fan favourite Soane Tonga'uiha.

He is hoping to at least be able to share the role more with Tonga'uiha next season and also knows that he can learn a lot from the man who has been one of the cornerstones of the Northampton side in recent seasons.

"I've learnt quite a lot – how to eat a lot and how to be lazy," joked Waller, adding: "But he is a fantastic prop and I'm only going to learn from him.

"If I can push him as much as I can then it's only going to improve him and me as well, so only good things can come from it.

"It's a competitive sport and I want to play and start every week, but I know that's not possible because Soane is a great player.

"Maybe I can share the responsibility with him a bit more, but that's down to the coaches and down to me to perform well enough for that to happen."

HAPPY: Alex Waller
photo by Andy Kearns

I want to make a statement

Saints ace Elliott eyes strong Junior World Cup swansong

RUGBY UNION

BY MARC BAZELEY
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ROB Hunter recently admitted that, had he not been injured, promising Northampton Saints winger Jamie Elliott would have been a shoe-in for the England Under-20 side during the 2011 Junior World Championship.

Elliott laughs when told of this. "That's always nice to hear the coaches saying that, but I've got to take it on myself and try to do that on my own," he said, and next week he will have the chance to justify head coach Hunter's confidence.

After taking time out last Friday to coach the Bedford School rugby team, who the 19-year-old played for during his time there, he headed out to South Africa ahead of this year's Junior World Championship

That begins on Monday when England open their tournament against Italy in Cape Town, with Elliott and Northampton team-mate Ben Nutley amongst the 28-man squad selected by former Saints Academy boss Hunter.

They have finished runners-up to New Zealand in three of the last four events, and with this being Elliott's last chance to play in the Under-20 competition he wants to make the most of it.

"I want to make a statement now and get a World Cup under my belt," he said. "It's my last year of it, so I want to go out there and do my best.

"It's exciting to go out there and have another mini-season playing some rugby, and hopefully in the sun as well.

"We're all excited to go out there and show what we can do. It's a tough pool with Italy, Ireland and the host nation South Africa, so we're looking forward to putting our stamp on the competition."

Despite struggling with injury at times this season just gone, Elliott was still able to feature ten times for the Saints – starting eight of those games and scoring seven tries.

That included Elliott's first experiences of European rugby and while he would have liked to have featured more there is plenty he can take from the campaign.

Elliott said: "I look back on everything as a positive. I played quite a lot of rugby, I've been involved in Heineken Cup games like away to Castres and I played in a big one against Munster, so I was pleased with that. A few injuries have held me back a bit, so next season I've got to work so that I can stay injury free and keep playing."

With Australian wing Cameron Shepherd joining Northampton from Western Force, competition for one of the two wide spots in the starting line-up will again be fierce. Elliott is looking forward to that challenge though, as well as hoping that this summer's Junior World Championship will make it easier to get through Saints' performance director Nick Johnston's infamously punishing pre-season fitness regime.

"That's going to be a hard one so hopefully with playing a few games and doing a bit of fitness out there

WING WIZARD: Jamie Elliott in action for England U18 against France U18 in 2010

Bronco Lovell bucks the old trends in bid for league deal

RUGBY LEAGUE

THERE was a time when few rugby players from Northampton would have even considered switching codes and 'going north' to play rugby league. But, as Bob Dylan once noted, times they are a changing.

With the onset of professionalism in union, gone are the days of league club officials approaching players in the woods on their training runs or, as in the case of Welsh star Cliff Morgan, turning up at their mum's house with a suitcase full of money.

No longer do they face the threat of life bans for even the slightest whiff of an association with the 13-man code either, allowing anyone to play both variations.

That is something that Northampton's Will Lovell has benefitted from hugely.

Since switching permanently to league, the 19-year-old centre has progressed rapidly and that culminated in him making his Super League debut for the London Broncos against the Catalan Dragons on Sunday.

"It was a complete shock at first," says Lovell recalling the moment that head coach Rob Powell told him he would be on the interchange bench for the Magic Weekend fixture at Manchester's Etihad Stadium.

"I trained on Wednesday and thought I'd done well, and on Friday Rob told me that I would be involved with the squad.

"Then on Saturday we were training and that's when he told me I would officially be part of it.

"I spoke to Rob before and he just told me to keep playing how I had been for the reserves. I've not spoken to him since, but I've got a review with him this week to go over the game."

The result – a 42-18 defeat at the hands of the French outfit – may not have been what Lovell or his team mates had hoped for.

But on a personal level it is the first step on the road towards what he hopes will be a career in the game.

It has all been slightly unexpected for him though, having only taken up playing league with home town club Northampton Demons' under-16s team as a way of keeping fit for his union commitments during the summer months.

From there, Lovell was accepted into the academy of Harlequins RL, as they were then named, after attending a regional trials day. He has since progressed through the ranks and is now aiming to earn a full-time professional deal at the end of this season.

With other youngsters from the Demons involved in the youth system at Championship side Sheffield Eagles, as well as Northampton Rebels joining Championship One next year, Lovell believes others could soon be making their way in the professional game.

He said: "When I first went into the under-16s you could see a lot of the other lads there had the potential, and a lot of that is down to the coaching there which is really good.

"I still keep in touch with the guys from the Demons and they were all really pleased for me after Sunday.

"When I look back with my family on the past few years it has gone well and hopefully I can have more game time this year.

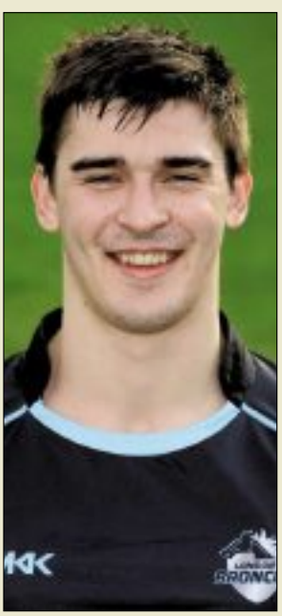
"I've got talks with the Broncos at the end of the season and then I'll see if they offer me a professional contract."

I'll come back raring to go and slip straight back in," he said.

"Competition is good; it keeps everyone buzzing and keeps pushing people so that they don't think they're safe.

"It means that you always bring out the best in yourself and the other players.

"Staying injury free is the main aim for next season, and I'm just hoping to get plenty of game time."



DEBUT: Will Lovell

FORCE: Paul di Resta at Monaco

Aggressive approach pays off for di Resta

FORMULA ONE

FORCE India duo Paul di Resta and Nico Hulkenberg both scored top-ten finishes in the Monaco Grand Prix, bringing home ten points for the Silverstone-based team.

Both drivers received a one-place boost on the grid after Williams' Pastor Maldonado was relegated to the back of the field, but di Resta still had to start in 14th.

Nevertheless, the British driver made up seven places to secure his fourth points finish of the season and afterwards hailed his team's pit-stop strategy.

"It was a great result and I'm very happy to make up so much ground on my starting position," said di Resta.

"We went aggressive with the strategy and I have to say the team really optimised it. The secret was managing the tyres and trying to find clean air when we could.

"The car felt really good, much stronger than Saturday, and that allowed me to push when we needed to. Fortunately the rain held off at the end because that could have had a big impact on the end of the race."

Hulkenberg's eighth place is his best finish since returning to racing in Formula One this year after spending 2011 as Force India's test and reserve driver.

It also made it back-to-back point scoring finishes for the German after his tenth place in Spain two weeks ago. He was also pleased to have avoided being caught up in the drama at the start that saw Renault driver Romain Grosjean retire.

Hulkenberg said: "It was a pretty messy start, with lots of cars touching, and I was lucky to make it through because I had to avoid Grosjean, who was in the middle of the track.

"For the first few laps I was running with Michael [Schumacher] and we were stuck behind Kimi [Raikkonen] who was struggling on the supersofts, but it was difficult to get by. Unfortunately Kimi stopped on the same lap as me so I remained behind him and we came out in a lot of traffic, which is when Paul jumped ahead of me.

"The rest of the race was quite uneventful and I just focused on looking after the tyres. It's a great result for the team and we should be happy with the result."

The next race is the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal on June 10.

County hit by Sales injury KO

CRICKET

DAVID Sales has become the latest player to fall victim to the Northamptonshire injury curse and could be sidelined for most of the Friends Life t20 group games as a result.

The middle order batsman was forced to retire hurt during the second innings of last week's 121 run win over Gloucestershire in LV= County Championship Division Two.

It has since transpired that he tore a hamstring while going for a single, and as a result he missed Sunday's Clydesdale Bank 40 defeat at home to Warwickshire Bears.

Sales looks set to be out for between four to six weeks after not being named in the team to face Yorkshire at Headingley in this week's County Championship fixture, which started yesterday.

The 34-year-old has suffered a succession of injury problems in recent seasons, and this latest one comes as a further blow to both him and the team.

It leaves a gap in Northants' batting line-up with this year's Twenty20 tournament also just around the corner, starting on June 14 at home to the Welsh Dragons.

Head coach David Capel has already been juggling with some unwelcome selection problems due to six other members of his squad being ruled out with injury.

The respective wrist injuries suffered by top order batsmen Rob Newton and Ben Howgego have seen James Middlebrook put in as a makeshift opener.

It is a role that the all-rounder has performed admirably in though, scoring 121 – his maiden century of the season – in the first innings against Gloucestershire.

Middlebrook also claimed 5-63 to help bowl the visitors out for 268 on the final day at the County Ground and give the hosts their second Division Two win of the year.

He and fellow spinner Con de Lange may now be shouldering more of the bowling workload, with the Northants seam department also afflicted by injury problems.

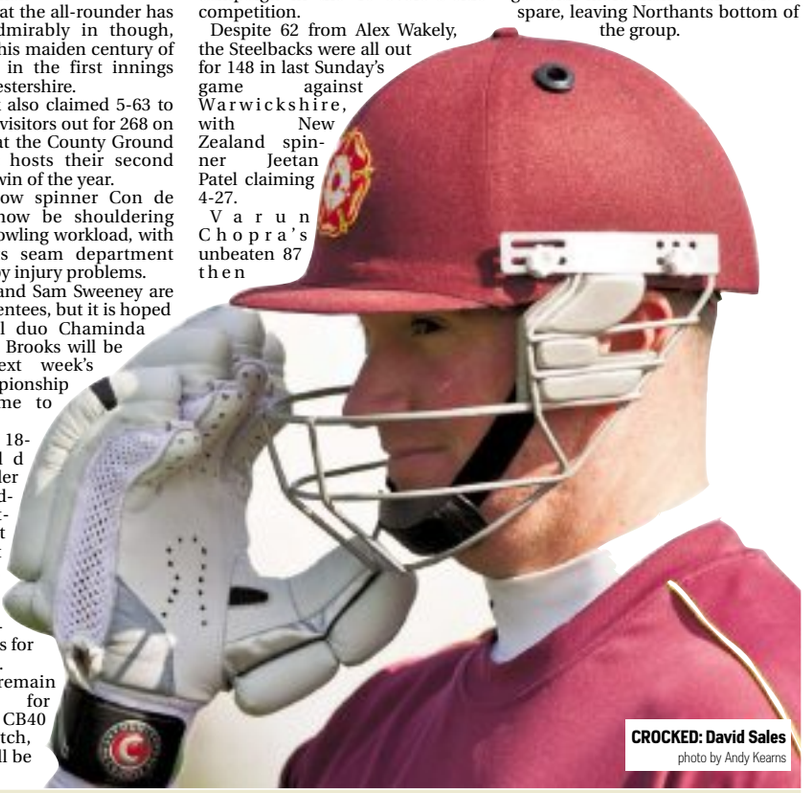
Luke Evans and Sam Sweeney are long term absentees, but it is hoped that new ball duo Chaminda Vaas and Jack Brooks will be back for next week's County Championship game at home to Essex.

That saw 18-year-old Academy bowler Oli Stone handed his first-class debut against Yorkshire, having previously featured in limited overs games for the Steelbacks.

Northants remain in Leeds for Sunday's CB40 Group C match, where they will be looking for a win to kick start their campaign in the 40 overs-a-side competition.

Despite 62 from Alex Wakely, the Steelbacks were all out for 148 in last Sunday's game against Warwickshire, with New Zealand spinner Jeetan Patel claiming 4-27.

Varun Chopra's unbeaten 87 then helped guide the Bears past the target with more than seven overs to spare, leaving Northants bottom of the group.



CROCKED: David Sales
photo by Andy Kearns

BOXING

Lane lands fight on world title undercard

JUST one week after having to pull out of a bout on the Carl Froch-Lucian Bute undercard, Ash Lane has been handed another fight on the bill of a world title contest.

The Northampton featherweight had been due to face Leigh Wood in Nottingham last Saturday, but was forced to withdraw after coming down with a chest infection.

However, he has now been given the chance to box on the bill when Scott Quigg and Rendall Munroe clash for the interim WBA super bantamweight title on June 16.

Lane's opponent for the show at the Manchester Velodrome is set to be unbeaten prospect Kallum De'Ath, who has won all three of his first professional contests.

The 23-year-old was a stand-out amateur and turned pro in 2007, but only had two fights before going back to the unpaid ranks.

However, he recently signed with Ricky Hatton's promotional stable and made his comeback in March with a points win against Adrian Fuzesi over four rounds.

Meanwhile, Nathan Reeve has been keeping busy by sparring with Louis Norman, who is also slated to appear on the same bill as Lane next month.

■FAR Cotton Boys ABC had six wins from the six contests that their boxers were involved in over the last week, with both Miles Wright and Kyle Mason winning their rematches.

The pair were again pitted against Braunston ABC duo Tom Hawley and Connor Townsend respectively, taking unanimous decision wins on the show in Thurmaston.

On Saturday, Kyle Owen and Carl Fail also took wins by a unanimous verdict at the Leisure Centre in Milton Keynes. Owen defeated Kevin McDonagh, of Cheshunt ABC, for his second win in seven days, while Fail overcame host club Milton Keynes Victors ABC's Connor Wright.

The following day saw Connor Downes remain unbeaten in his third contest when he stopped Watford Irish ABC's Kuy Shah in the first round in Hemel Hempstead.

Ben Fail was also in action, winning his fight against Liam Loughran, of the host club, by disqualification after being bitten on the shoulder.

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Town out to steal Constable

Oxford ace is next on the agenda after City's Platt puts pen-to-paper

FOOTBALL

OXFORD United striker James Constable is next on Aidy Boothroyd's shopping list after the Cobblers boss bagged 'number one target' Clive Platt.

Northampton are understood to be interested in the U's hitman, but face stiff competition for his signature, which would come at a price as he is still under contact.

Constable was a key member of the side that got United promoted back to the Football League via the Blue Square Bet Premier play-offs in 2010, and since first moving to the club from Shrewsbury Town – initially on a season-long loan in 2008 – he has racked up 74 goals in 166 league appearances.

Former Cobblers player Marc Richards recently turned down an offer to return to the club, opting instead to sign for League Two rivals Chesterfield.

But Boothroyd has admitted that improving the front line is a priority for him over the summer.

Platt, 34, became his first striker acquisition on Friday, moving from Coventry City on a two-year contract.

That means that there are four strikers contracted to the club next season, although Lewis Wilson has played just three Football League games and Jake Robinson failed to score in 34 appearances last year.

Boothroyd rejected a bid for top scorer Akinfenwa in January, and although not actively shopping him around, he has conceded that the 30-year-old – with 18 goals last term – could be sold this summer if the price is right. Platt's signing could also have an impact on Akinfenwa's future, with the new man arguably being more suited to playing the lone strike role in the 4-3-3/4-2-3-1 formation that Boothroyd employed last season.

However, Akinfenwa has previously enjoyed success at the Cobblers playing as part of a front two, alongside more of a 'target man' type, having formed a useful partnership with Poul Hubertz when he first moved to Northampton in January 2008.

Platt's signing undoubtedly strengthens Boothroyd's attacking options, especially if Akinfenwa stays. Yet what role, if any, Robinson will play next season – along with the promising but inexperienced Wilson – may still have a bearing on plans.

One thing is for sure, Boothroyd will ideally want to trim the squad some more before making further additions, particularly with regards to players still under contract like Arron Davies and Paul Turnbull.

TOWN TARGET: James Constable

■ NORTHAMPTON Town have confirmed three further pre-season friendlies, including the visit of a West Ham United XI to Sixfields on Tuesday, August 7.

Trips to county non-league sides Corby Town and Cogenhoe United on Saturday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 25, respectively have also been added to the schedule.

These go with the already confirmed matches at home to a Chelsea Under-21 side on Saturday, July 28, and Derby County on Tuesday, July 31.

BATTERING RAM: Soane Tonga'uiha bursts through the tackles on Sunday
photo by Andy Kearns

'Tiny' humbled by turnout for big day

RUGBY UNION

SOANE Tonga'uiha admitted that the attendance for his testimonial match at Franklin's Gardens on Sunday left him feeling emotional as over 5,000 fans flocked to the stadium to pay tribute.

The hulking Tongan prop – affectionately nicknamed Tiny – played the first half in Northampton colours and the second for a South Sea Islanders side and he scored the decisive points as they pipped the Saints team 67-65.

He said: "I was very surprised. On Friday we had only sold 3,200 tickets, so to get it up to 5,000, and to see all the fans in the ground, made me a bit emotional and speechless. It was very, very humbling and was much appreciated.

"I didn't think the day was going to turn out as well as it did, to be honest. Fair play to the likes of Alesana Tuilagi for turning out the day after playing at Twickenham [in the Aviva Premiership play-off final].

"We've tried to make the testimonial family oriented. I've got four children of my own and we've tried to get the kids and their parents involved and the family day showed what we've been wanting to do."

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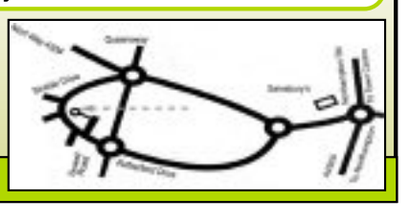

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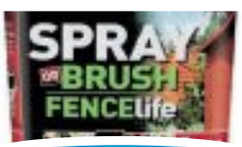

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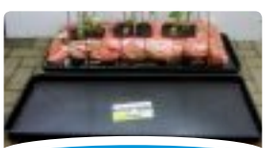

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